

the Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor and the Public Service is 35,000. And that is just laying in there for your consideration. I won't take anymore time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, do you wish to speak on the motion to reconsider?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would rise to support the reconsideration. It seems to me that the amounts proposed here are reasonable, they are commensurate with the responsibility. There has been talk about the relative responsibilities of different constitutional officers. I don't see that there is an appreciable difference. As a matter of fact I think they ought to be the same as they currently are, which is what this amendment retains. I would hope you would vote for this amendment. It makes no change next year in the salary whatsoever. The salary would not begin to be adjusted until January of 1988. It seems to me that that recognizes the difficult times now, but does provide adjustments at a level that is more commensurate with responsibilities.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose the reconsideration motion. I think the increase is too great. Just let me go over these a little bit. It's the reconsideration motion of Senator Warner's amendment that we didn't get enough votes for yesterday. But it takes the Governor's salary from 40,000 to 74,000, a terrific increase. The Attorney General from 39,500 to 61,000. Lieutenant Governor from 32,000 to 51,166, and the Auditor and the Treasurer and Secretary of State's salary would all go up to that same figure. The Public Service Commissioners, which are getting 27,000 now, would go up to 37,500. I'm going to tell you about the same things that I told you about yesterday. I would support a modest increase. But I think this is too great. It is too great in these difficult times as farmers and small businessmen are facing foreclosure. So I would urge you to reject this reconsideration motion and take some of the amendments that are being proposed a little later on. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there any closing on...I guess I can accept a member. Senator Morehead or Chambers, do you wish to close on the motion to reconsider? Senator Warner, wants to speak